

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/634,597

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Khanh Tran

Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the Amendment After Final filed on 05/23/2006.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3-37, which have been renumbered as 1-36.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

1. The Amendment After Final filed on 05/23/2006 has been entered. Claims 1 and 3-37 are pending in this Office action.
2. Claims 3-37 have been renumbered as claims 2-36 respectively.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Joseph M. Villeneuve, Reg. No. 37,460 on 05/30/2006.

In the Specification, under the title "Related Application Data", in lines 7-9, "U.S. Patent Application No. 10/212,574 for TECHNIQUES FOR FACILITATING CONVERSION BETWEEN ASYNCHRONOUS AND SYNCHRONOUS DOMAINS filed on August 1, 2002 (Attorney Docket No. FULCP002)" has been changed to -- U.S. Patent Application No. 10/212,574 for TECHNIQUES FOR FACILITATING CONVERSION BETWEEN ASYNCHRONOUS AND SYNCHRONOUS DOMAINS filed on August 1, 2002 (Attorney Docket No. FULCP002), now U.S. Patent No. 6,950,959 --.

Regarding claim 37, in lines 1-2, "representative of at least a portion of" has been changed to -- representing --.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments, see page 10 of Applicants' Remark, filed on 05/23/2006, with respect to claims 1, 11-13, 15, 18-19, 24 and 31-37 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1, 11-13, 15, 18-19, 24 and 31-37 has been withdrawn.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

5. Claim 1 is allowed over prior art of record after Applicants amended claim 1 to include all allowable features of claim 2 "wherein each clock domain converter comprises a datapath operable to transfer a data token between the corresponding clock domain and the asynchronous domain, each clock domain converter further comprising control circuitry operable to enable transfer of the data token via the datapath in response to at least one transition of a clock signal associated with the corresponding clock domain and at least one completion of the asynchronous handshake protocol".

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khanh Tran whose telephone number is 571-272-3007. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 08:00 AM - 05:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on 571-272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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